

You must admit that Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair and others use the public airwaves free of charge, and are obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when huge companies control the airwaves, we get over-greedy profit seekers tainting programming and FCC rules, and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair's actions demonstrate this clearly. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.